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TUE**PATENT APPLICATION**  
Attorney Ref. No. WIS01-003P**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**PATENT EXAMINATION BRANCH**

In re Application of:

Wise, Michael A.

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For Letters Patent on:

**TIE-DOWN SYSTEM AND METHOD**) Examiner: Katcheves, Basil S.  
) Art Unit: 3635) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST**  
) **OFFICE ACTION**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**  
**RESPONSIVE TO OCTOBER 22, 2002 OFFICE ACTION**Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 1, 10, and 19 as follows:

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1. A tie-down device, comprising
  - a first member of unitary construction having a bottom panel;
  - a first extended region emanating from said bottom panel;